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FOLLOWING REPEAT CONAKRY 2326 ACTION SECSTATE NOV 24.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CONAKRY 2326

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SUBJECT:SOVIET SURVEILLANCE DEPLOYMENTS

REF: CONAKRY 2314 AND 2324

1. FRG MINISTER OF STATE H.G. WISCHNEWSKI WAS RECEIVED WITH SURPRISING CORDIALITY BY GOG DURING VISIT TO CONAKRY NOVEMBER 15 - 19 (REFTELS). WISCHNEWSKI INFORMED AMBASSADOR IN GREAT CONFIDENCE OF FOLLOWING EXCHANGE.

2. DURING INTIMATE TOUR D'HORIZON WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE 19 NOVEMBER (ONLY PRIMMIN BEAVOGUI AND WISCHNEWSKI'S CHIEF OF CABINET PETER KIEVITT PRESENT), WISCHNEWSKI TOLD SEKOU TOURE THAT QUESTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED IN NATO CIRCLES ABOUT DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET  
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MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM CONAKRY. WISCHNEWSKI WONDERED

WHAT THE FACTS WERE AND HOW THEY RELATED TO GUINEA'S  
DECLARED NONALIGNMENT.

3. SEKOU TOURE REPLIED THAT THERE WERE THREE  
CATEGORIES OF SOVIET FLIGHTS:

A) AERFLOT COMMERCIAL; B) HAVANA/LUANDA TRAFFIC,  
WHICH HE EXPECTED WOULD BE ENGAGED INCREASINGLY  
IN REPATRIATION CUBAN TROOPS, AND C) SURVEILLANCE  
DEPLOYMENTS FOR PROTECTION OF GUINEAN BORDERS. AMERICANS  
HAD INFORMED HIM THAT SOVIETS WERE EXPLOITING CATEGORY  
(C) FOR SYSTEMATIC INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ON NATO  
NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE ATLANTIC. SEKOU TOURE SAID SUCH  
DEPLOYMENT WAS AN ABUSE OF HIS AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS,  
UNAUTHORIZED AND UNWANTED BY GOG. HOWEVER, HE COULD  
NOT CONTROL ITINERARY OF SOVIET SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS.

4. TOURE CONTINUED THAT HE HAD TOLD AMERICANS THESE  
DEPLOYMENTS WOULD STOP BUT THAT AMERICANS MUST HELP HIM  
GUARD HIS REGIME AGAINST FORIEGN THREATS. IN FACT, HE  
HAD RECENTLY INFORMED SOVIETS THAT EXTERNAL THREAT TO  
GUINEA WAS DIMINSIHING SO THAT AFTER ANOTHER MONTH  
OR SO THEIR SURVEILLANCE PROTECTION MIGHT NO LONGER  
BE NEEDED. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO ACTUALLY STOP SOVIET  
FLIGHTS UNTIL HE FELT SAFE WITHOUT THEM, SINCE IT  
MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO TURN THEM ON AGAIN.

5. ACCORDING WISCHNEWSKI, TOUIA SAID THAT THE  
AMERICAN RESPONSE HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATE. IF THE  
AMERICANS COULD DO A BIT MORE TO REASSURE HIM, HE  
WOULD LIKE TO END THE SOVIET DEPLOYMENTS. HE WAS  
DETERMINED TO PURSUE A NONALIGNED POLITY DESPITE HIS IDEOLOGICAL  
SYMPATHY FOR USSR. HE HAD  
OVER THE YEARS EXPELLED THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND SEVERAL  
OTHER OFFICIALS; AT U.S. REQUEST HE HAD DENIED  
SOVIET USE OF HIS AIRFIELDS DURING CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS.

6. BOTH WISCHNEWSKI AND KIEVITT WERE IMPRESSED BY SEKOU  
TOURE'S EVIDENT DISCOMFORT WITH THE SOVIET DEPLOYMENTS.  
THEY BELIEVED HE WAS SINCERE ABOUT WANTING TO STOP THEM.  
WISCHNEWSKI TOLD AMBASSADOR HE HOPED U.S. WOULD SEEK MEANS  
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OF REASSURING TOURE, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED IT WAS  
NOT CLEAR TO HIM WHAT KIND OF ASSURANCE WOULD SATISFY  
GOG. WISCHNEWSKI WILL REPORT HIS CONVERSATION TO  
FRG DEFENSE MINISTER AND NATO REPRESENTATIVE. HARROP  
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